

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 759

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dr. Timothy M. Hill upon thirty-five years of service and leadership as Bishop with the Church of God.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those venerable religious figures who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Timothy M. Hill, Bishop of the Church of God, is one such estimable individual, who has inspired his fellow Christians with his faith and leadership for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hill, a credentialed minister in the Church of God since 1977, previously served as a local church pastor in Texas and Virginia; as a state director of Youth and Christian Education in Arizona; as a state overseer in Oklahoma and southern Ohio; as a member of the Council of Eighteen and the International Executive Committee since 2004; and as the divisional director of World Evangelization since 2008; and

WHEREAS, while serving faithfully as a church leader and administrator, Dr. Hill has been widely acclaimed as a gifted singer and songwriter, having written 150 gospel songs, many of which have been recorded by the nation's top artists in gospel music; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hill began recording at age sixteen and has twenty-three recording projects to his credit, including many original songs and *Gospel Voice* magazine's 1990 Song of the Year, "He's Still in the Fire"; and

WHEREAS, his talent for music contributed greatly to his extraordinary evangelistic ministry, which he shared with twenty states and ten foreign countries through speaking engagements at major denominational and interdenominational conventions, camp meetings, and conferences; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Hill has been blessed by the love of his family; he and his wife, Paula, have three beautiful daughters, Melinda Marchelle, Brittany Danielle, and Tara Lanae; a faithful son-in-law, the Reverend Tim Maness; and two adored grandchildren, Brayden and Hailey; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are delighted to join in honoring this committed Christian and dynamic leader in the realm of the church and civic life; he is truly an eminent citizen of Tennessee and of his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the members of the Church of God in honoring Dr. Timothy M. Hill for his life of continuing service to God and humanity, as well as to his community, State, and nation, and commend him upon his thirty-fifth year of Christian service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we join with the good people from Cleveland and Bradley County in celebrating "Dr. Timothy Hill Day" on March 19, 2012, honoring his lifelong ministry and his unwavering devotion to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and offer our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.